Retirements benefits in RSP

1058. MISS FRIDA TOPNO. Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Rourkela Steel Plant retired in January, 2002;

(b) whether retirement benefit like P.F., Insurance, Gratuity, etc. have paid to them;

(c) if not, by when and in what manner these would be paid, especially the gratuity; and

(d) whether gratuity is proposed to be paid in installments; if so, whether Government would pay interest accrued thereon during the period, as these employees do not get pensionary benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJKISHORE* TRIPATHY): (a) 59 employees of RSP retired on 31st January, 2002.

(b) PF has been paid to all the 59 employees on their date of retirement Insurance is not a retirement benefit in RSP. Gratuity has been paid to two employees who retired in January, 2002.

(c) Gratuity to the remaining employees separated in January, 2002 will be paid as soon as they apply for payment of gratuity and comply with the required formalities.

(d) Gratuity is always paid in full. There is no system of payment of gratuity in installments.

Modernising Power Stations of Steel Plants

† 1059. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to modernise power stations of steel plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this proposal is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJKISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) to (c) At present Govt, is not considering any plan to modernise power stations of steel plants. Moreover power plants at Durgapur; Rourkela and Bokaro of Steel Authority of India Limited have been divested and converted into joint ventures and the process of divestment of Bhilai Power Plant is at an advanced stage.

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